



## California Department of Fish and Game Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Program 2009 Dove Hunt Opportunities

These hunts were developed in cooperation with private landowners, Department of Water Resources (DWR), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Southern Tulare County Sportsman's Association (STCSA) and the Department of Fish and Game. To allow a maximum number of hunters to participate, applicants and their party members may be drawn only once for all lottery dove hunts during the season. Any duplicate applications will be disqualified. To apply, fill out the 2009 Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Dove Application and mail to CDFG Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts, 1812 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Applications must be received by **Aug. 10, 2009**. Download an application at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird/>

**Cañada de los Osos, Santa Clara Co.** - **Apprentice Hunt for Juniors Only.** This area is located on the 4,200-acre Cañada De Los Osos Ecological Reserve in Santa Clara Co. One hunt is scheduled for Sept. 5, in the evening and can accommodate 5 junior apprentice hunters. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (831) 649-2934.

**Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento Co.** - The Cosumnes River Preserve is located on Highway 99 between Elk Grove and Galt. Two morning hunts are scheduled for opening day on Sept. 1. These hunts can accommodate 40 hunters, 20 at the Arno Road and 20 at the Dillard Road location. This is a hunting opportunity only, no special food crops were grown to attract doves. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (916) 358-2839.

**Huron, Fresno Co.** - This area is located near Huron on land owned by the USBR and managed by the DWR. Forty-five acres of safflower were grown for doves and other wildlife. Two hunts are scheduled for opening day (Sept. 1). **After Sept. 1, the entire area will be open to dove hunting, and a permit will not be required.** These hunts can accommodate 40 hunters, 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

**Imperial Valley, Imperial Co.** - This area is located on the east side of the Salton Sea. 25 fields are available and have been partially planted with food crops. **Access during the dove hunting season will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, no applications or permits required.** For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (760) 922-4686.

**Los Baños Wildlife Area, Merced Co.** - This area will have three restricted areas available for hunting on Sept. 1, which can accommodate 100 hunters. Hunters not drawn for this opportunity will be allowed on the balance of the area and permits to hunt will be issued at the area office until 12, noon. After 12, permits will be by self-registration and all the hunting areas are open to general use. Total capacity of the area is 200 hunters. The area will remain open for birding, sightseeing, fishing, frogging, and dog training, etc. However, camping will be restricted to the main parking lot Monday, August 31. For additional information, contact the DFG, Los Baños Wildlife Area, at (209) 826-0463.

**Mendota Wildlife Area, Fresno Co.** - This area will not be issuing reservations for the opening day of dove season. There may, however, be a limited number of vehicles issued parking permits for Lots #2, #21 and #22 on opening morning only. Permits will be issued at the checking station on a first come, first served basis. The check station will only be open September 1. For the remainder of the season, hunters may obtain permits from the self-registration kiosk located at the Highway 180 entrance. For additional information, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Mendota Wildlife Area, at (559) 655-4645. (209) 826-0463.

**Pilibos Wildlife Area, Fresno Co.** - The Pilibos Wildlife Area is located approximately 12 miles west of Mendota adjacent to the California Aqueduct. Approximately 60 acres of safflower were grown for doves and other wildlife. Two hunts are scheduled for opening day (Sept. 1) and two hunts on Sept. 2. These hunts can accommodate 50 hunters each day, 25 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon. After Sept. 2, the area (except for the closed zone) will be open to dove hunting. A permit is required and may be obtained at the

self-registration booth located in the parking lot. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

**Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, San Diego Co.** - This area is located in the eastern part of San Diego Co. between the towns of Jamul and Dulzura. Two hunts are scheduled for Sept. 5 and two hunts on Sept. 6. These hunts can accommodate 60 hunters per day, 30 in the morning and 30 in the afternoon. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (805) 965-3059.

**Salt Slough Unit, North Grasslands Wildlife Area, Merced/Stanslaus Co.** - This hunt area will be divided into three sections (northern, middle, and southern) with reservations being issued for 110 hunters for Sept. 1. Section selection will be made at the check station. Any space available at one-half hour before legal shoot time will be filled by non-reservation hunters. Section quotas will be filled until 12 p.m., after which the area will be open to free-roam hunting. For additional information, contact the DFG, Los Banos Wildlife Area, at (209) 826-0463.

**Success Lake Wildlife Area, Tulare Co.** - The Success Lake Wildlife Area is located approximately eight miles east of Porterville and consists of approximately 1,400 acres open to hunting on U.S Army Corps of Engineers' land. Approximately 130 acres of wheat were grown by the STCSA to provide feeding area for doves. There is no hunter quota for this area, and a permit is not required; however the area will be closed to dove hunting on the opening weekend of pheasant season (Nov. 13-14) and during the junior and disabled Veterans pheasant hunts (Nov. 20-23). In addition, shooting hours for doves is 8:00 a.m. until sunset during pheasant season. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

**Tranquility, Fresno Co.** - This area is located approximately three miles northwest of Tranquility on USBR land. Forty-five acres of safflower were grown for doves and other wildlife. Two hunts are scheduled for opening day (Sept. 1). These hunts can accommodate 40 hunters, 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. After Sept. 1, the entire area will be open to dove hunting, and a permit will not be required. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

**Winton, Merced Co.** - **Apprentice Hunt for Juniors only.** This area is located approximately six miles north of Winton, adjacent to the Merced River on private property. No special food crops were grown to attract doves, but the property lies within an area with normally high dove densities. Two hunts are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009. The hunts are Hunt A: September 5, morning; Hunt B September 5, afternoon. Each hunt can accommodate 20 hunters. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.